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CFC, Inc.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen and voting American, I write you regarding the Microsoft settlement. I cannot believe that this settlement is still being dragged through the mud. Doesn't the government have more important issues to focus on? I think it is time we let this well thought out agreement speak for itself and let the IT sector get back to business. Anti-trust isn't there to keep companies from having to compete with their competitors. It is suppose to protect consumers. The longer this is drawn out the more it hurts consumers.

The terms of this settlement are a step toward a more unified IT sector. The terms include changes in licensing, marketing, and even design. In an anti-trust settlement first, Microsoft has agreed to disclose various interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. All of these concessions are slated to be overseen by a committee that will make sure that Microsoft is following proper procedure. Not only are their strong statements in these terms, but also there are plenty of safeguards to help non-Microsoft companies along the way.

I support the settlement as it stands, and hope we soon put these terms into action and let the free enterprise system work.

Sincerely,

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